UALPA Update to the Field 10/13/10

The information in this update is intended to provide to LEAs single source information regarding UALPA administration for the 2010-11 school year. Additional updates will be provided as necessary. These updates will be provided to ALS and Assessment Directors.

Please refer any questions or concerns to Kevin King (kevin.king@schools.utah.gov).

Background

2010-2011 UALPA Strategic Plan

- Long-Term Goal 1: two forms to be used interchangeably long-term starting school year 2011-2012. Purpose: to prevent over exposure of test items to students as they progress through a grade span.
 - a. Level 2 will have two forms (y & z)
 - b. Level 1 will have one form (t)
 - c. Kindergarten will have one form
- 2. Long-Term Goal 2: alignment of UALPA to WIDA Standards (the Utah ELP Standards as adopted as of the 2010-2011 school year).
 - a. Items need to be aligned to WIDA standards
 - b. Student determination into WIDA ALDs (Achievement Level Descriptors) (Level 1-5)
 - c. Grade spans will change from K, 1-2, 3-6, 7-8, 9-12 for ELP Standards to K, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 for WIDA standards.
- 3. Long-Term Goal 3: elimination of ELA CRT 2b requirement for Fluent determination
 - a. this is in line with long-term goal #2, as previous Utah ELP PLD Fluent roughly corresponds to WIDA ALD Level 5.

Information Related to UALPA

- 1. What is the relationship between the WIDA standards and the "old UALPA standards"?
 - a. Both are actually the "Utah ELP Standards." There never really were "UALPA standards." The proficiency determinations for the UALPA have always been and still are (technically) the Utah ELP Standards proficiency levels. The WIDA Standards are national level consortium standards that Utah has adopted to use as Utah's ELP Standards. For clarity purposes, Assessment will use the terms "UALPA Standards" synonymously as "Old Utah ELP Standards" and "WIDA Standards" synonymously as "New Utah ELP Standards."
- 2. How will forms be spiraled for 2010-11?
 - a. There will only be ONE level 1 form administered this year. There will be TWO level 2 forms administered this year. Level 2 forms will be spiraled at the LEA level. Within each LEA, there will only be one form for each test.

3. How will the levels be named and referenced

Grade Span	Level 1	Level 2
Kindergarten	A1t	N/A
1-2	B1t	B2y
		B2z
3-5	C1t	C2y
		C2z
6-8	D1t	D2y
		D2z
9-12	E1t	E2y
		E2z

4. WIDA to ELP cross walk for proficiency level

Old ELP Standards	New ELP Standards/WIDA
Pre-Emergent (P)	Entering (1)
Emergent (E)	Beginning (2)
Intermediate (I)	Developing (3)
Advanced (A)	Expanding (4)
Fluent (F)	Bridging (5)

a. The abbreviation in parentheses is the code that will be used to reference the standard.

5. Forms structure

- a. Level 1 forms are still most appropriate for students who are at the Pre-emergent level or who are in their first year in a U.S. school
- b. Level 2 forms should still be administered to the great majority of LEP students (Emergent and above).
- 6. Testing Window
 - a. January 18 May 6
 - b. There is only one testing window
- 7. Rolling submission need

Even though there is only one testing window and reports will only be available once in the summer, LEAs need to submit their answer documents in a rolling fashion throughout the testing window. UALPA answer document submission should be ongoing. It can be managed as seen best fit by LEAs. It can be at groupings smaller than whole school. The reasoning, as stated above, is correct. The reason for this is so that the USOE can receive answer documents in a timely fashion and can use data for the development of the proficiency designation scores.

- 8. NO early return of reports to LEAs
 - a. Because of the need for a standard setting event in early summer 2011, there will be only ONE return of UALPA reports. This will occur by late July, 2011.
- 9. SRIG website and need for input
 - a. A DRAFT copy of the Score Report Interpretation Guide is available at http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/documents/UALPA_SRIG_Draft.pdf. This draft will be updated in December to become a final copy for 2010-2011 score reporting. This document is intended to support LEAs, schools, teachers, and parents interpret UALPA reports. Any feedback provided (by emailing

<u>kevin.king@schools.utah.gov</u>) will be considered in updated the SRIG. This is a document intended to serve the LEAs needs, so your input is appreciated.

- 10. Statewide trainings for administrator certification
 - a. There will be NO USOE sponsored trainings for test administrators.
- 11. Online Refresh Training for 2009-2010 Administrator Certificate holders
 - a. Individuals who hold a 2009-2010 UALPA Administrator Certificate will be able to receive a 2010-2011 UALPA Administrator Certificate by participating in an online refresher training and taking an online assessment. The refresh training will consist of a powerpoint available online that will summarize all aspects of the UALPA and highlight significant issues and anything new. The online assessment will be a 20-30 question assessment. Following the completion of the assessment, the USOE will issue new certificates to the LEA designee. Both will be available in late November. More details to follow.

12. UALPA training for Trainer of Trainers

- a. All individuals wanting to train administrators for the 2010-2011 UALPA must have a 2010-2011 Trainer of Trainers certificate.
- b. Individuals who hold a 2009-2010 UALPA Certificate as a Trainer of Trainers will NOT have to attend an in-person training to renew this certificate for 2010-2011. A short (anticipating 1 hour) Wimba training will be offered for this purpose. Date and time TBA. Anticipate late November.
- c. The USOE will hold a trainer of trainers training (TOT) and certification opportunity for those wanting to receive first time certification to train administrators. This will occur Nov. 17 (9-12) somewhere in the Salt Lake City School District. Details to come.
 - i. Individuals holding a current Trainer of Trainers certificate may attend in place of the Wimba training offered above.
- d. Those participating in either TOT trainings will also receive 2010-2011 UALPA Administrator Certificates.

13. Grade Spans

a. The WIDA standards are separated into different grade spans as compared to the Old Utah ELP Standards. As a result, the UALPA is also to be administered in the same new grade spans. These are shown below.

Old Grade Spans	New Grade Spans
Kindergarten	Kindergarten
1-2	1-2
3-6	3-5
7-8	6-8
9-12	9-12

14. Test Materials Ordering

a. The test materials need to be ordered through UTOS
(https://assessment.schools.utah.gov/usoeaa) October 20 – November 4, 2010. Contact Larry Jensen with any questions or concerns with ordering.

15. Test Administration Manuals and General Instructions

 a. In the past, the General Instructions for administering the UALPA were available as a separate document (the Test Coordinator's Guide) and in the front of each Test Administration Manual and Flipchart). The General Instructions will be a separate stand along document ONLY for this year. These can be ordered as well as will be available online.

- 16. When will WIDA levels be in SIS
 - a. The 2011 UALPA data which is sent back to LEAs will use the numerical 1-5 designations. There will be no replacing existing UALPA scores in SIS, new data will simply reflect the new scoring system.
- 17. Accountability Impacts: there will be no change to accountability calculations for AMAOs.
- 18. Answer documents to be different for each form AND level (within a form)
 - a. Administrators will have to make sure that all pertinent materials (including the Answer Document) have a corresponding form code.
- 19. When will the ELA 2b requirement to determine Fluency no longer be applicable?
 - a. The ELP proficiency determinations for students as a result of the 2010-2011 UALPA will include level 5 on the WIDA standards. WIDA level 5 is comparable to Fluent of the Old ELP Standards. As a result, the ELA 2b requirement to determine Fluency will be applicable as of 2011 testing.